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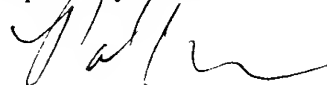
Prior to examination of the above-noted application on its merits, Applicant requests entry of the following amendment pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.78(4).

On page 1, line 5, before "**FIELD OF THE INVENTION**", insert  
--**CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS**

The present application claims priority from Taiwan Patent Application No. 90214828, filed August 29, 2001, incorporated herein by reference.--

If there are any questions or comments, the Examiner is respectfully invited to contact the undersigned by telephone at the number set out below.

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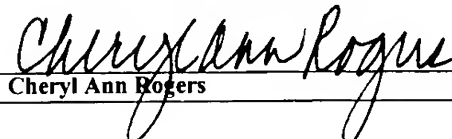
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